

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 939

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A RESOLUTION to commend Anika A. Evans for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Anika A. Evans is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Barbara Cooper; Anika's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Evans was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on November 13, 1992, to Captain Michael A. Evans, Sr., and Dr. Ashaki T. Evans. She is the proud sister of Shirlethia A. Evans and Michael A. Evans, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Anika is a 2010 graduate of Decatur High School in Decatur, Alabama, where she was a member of the International Baccalaureate Program and gained inclusion to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, a student at Fisk University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Evans maintains a 3.34 grade point average while pursuing a double major in political science and history with a minor in music; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Anika Evans is a member of the collegiate chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Student Election Committee, the Political Science and Pre-Law Club, the Protégé Mentoring Program, L.E.A.D., and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Anika Evans serves with acumen and alacrity as the captain of the Fisk University Debate Team, as a University Student Ambassador, and as a Northwest Tennessee YMCA tutor; and

WHEREAS, she served estimably as a First Year Enrichment Intern for Miles College in Fairfield, Alabama, as a Tutorial Advisor for Decatur Youth Services in Decatur, and as a Senior Counselor for Camp Safe Haven in Decatur; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Evans is a member of the 2011 Southeastern Tennessee Regional Championship, has been named Miss Black and Gold 2011-2012 by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is a Provost Scholar at Fisk University, is a two-time recipient of the Presidential Gold Volunteer Award, and is a recipient of the Michelle Obama Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Anika Evans brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2012 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, Ms. Evans has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Anika Evans has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Anika A. Evans for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Barbara Cooper and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.